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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION IN SOUTH KIVU

1. IN A RECENT VISIT TO THE FIZI-BARAKA AREA OF SOUTH KIVU THE REPORTING OFFICER FOUND THE SECURITY SITUATION IMPROVED SINCE HIS LAST VISIT THERE SIX MONTHS AGO. THE REBELS ARE STILL NO THREAT TO ANY COMMUNITY ON THE MAIN ROAD FROM UVIRA TO FIZI, AND TRAVELLERS BETWEEN FIZI AND BARAKA ARE NO LONGER REQUESTED TO INFORM THE ARMY OF THEIR TRAVEL PLANS.
2. THE SECOND-IN-COMMAND IN FIZI, LT. KWANU, TOLD THE REPORTING OFFICER THAT TRAVELLERS WILLING TO BRAVE THE ALMOST IMPASSABLE ROAD MAY NOW TRAVEL SAFELY AS FAR AS ONE HUNDRED KILOMETERS SOUTH OF FIZI. HE SAID THAT THE REBELS WERE NO LONGER A SERIOUS PROBLEM ANYWHERE IN THE ZONE OF FIZI, I.E. AS FAR SOUTH AS THE SHABA BORDER.

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3. MISSIONARIES IN NUNDU AND MBOKO (BETWEEN FIZI AND UVIRA) CONFIRM THAT THE MOUNTAINS NORTHWEST OF THAT AREA ARE STILL NOT COMPLETELY UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL, BUT THAT THE REBELS ARE CONFINED TO A REMOTE AREA AND HAVE NOT THREATENED SETTLEMENTS ON THE LAKE FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS. AS ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH KIVU THE VILLAGERS ARE MUCH MORE AFRAID OF THE ARMY THAN OF

THE REBELS.
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